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perceive in his recorded words no proof that he at any time expected restoration, so that he was destitute of that peculiar type of hopefulness which almost always accompanies pulmonary consumption, and which often makes it impossible to arouse to a sense of peril one already within the shadow of death. His mental powers were unimpaired almost to the last, and during the closing weeks we discern even traces of unwonted brilliancy of thought and utterance. What we have then, in this "Memorial," is the narrative, recorded daily by loving friends, of a six months' Christian experience during a conscious passage graveward and heavenward,—in fine, the prolonged and diversified exhibition of what is ordinarily witnessed only for a brief space on the near approach of the Christian's death-hour. Such a record is of itself adequate evidence of the Divine origin and the almightiness of Christianity. Such scenes are more than argument; they are manifestation; they are the uplifting of the veil. We can no more doubt the eternal life which breathes all along through the protracted death in life of the disciple whose image is now placed before us, than we can doubt the dates and external facts of his biography. And were all other testimonies wanting, had not history or analogy a word in behalf of Christianity, we would bow down before it as the power and wisdom of God, because death owns its majesty, the destroying angel retires baffled from the conflict with it, and the shout of its triumph drowns the dirge-notes that come up from the caverns of the grave.

This book, from the Riverside press, appears in a form of great beauty, and is enriched by a lifelike photograph of Mr. Little. We understand that it was printed for private circulation. We sincerely hope that it will be published in such guise as may make it a means of widely extended edification and usefulness.

22. — *A Translation of the Syriac Peshito Version of the Psalms of David; with Notes Critical and Explanatory.* By the Rev. ANDREW OLIVER, M. A. Boston: E. P. Dutton & Co. 1861. 16mo. pp. 331.

WE cannot read the Peshito, and therefore will not undertake to criticise Mr. Oliver's translation of it. But from the style of his notes, from his evident mastery of the Hebrew, and his skilful handling of the Septuagint, we infer the thoroughness and accuracy of his scholarship. We attach a very high importance to the Peshito version of the Old Testament; first, on account of its absolute antiquity, as corresponding to the received Hebrew text in the first or second century of our era; secondly, on account of its relative antiquity in comparison with that of

the Hebrew points, as enabling us often to correct the Masoretic pointing; and thirdly, on account of its exegetical value as sometimes fixing the else doubtful sense of an obscure or infrequent Hebrew word. Mr. Oliver has made the results of his study of the Syriac Psalter as fully available as they can be made to those not conversant with the Syriac. We wish that he might find encouragement to extend his labors to other portions of the Hebrew Scriptures.

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23. — *Commentary on the Epistles to the Seven Churches in Asia. Revelations ii., iii.* By RICHARD CHENEVIX TRENCH, D. D., Dean of Westminster. New York: Charles Scribner. 1861. 12mo. pp. 312.

TRENCH, in his exegetical writings, so blends the offices of interpreter and preacher, that it is not always easy to know in which sense to take him. He is so intent on the multitude of lessons that may be drawn from any given word, clause, or sentence, that he not unfrequently fails to designate the particular sense intended by the writer. But he is always entertaining and instructive. His is one of those rich minds, which cannot enter into communion with other minds without enriching them. No matter what his professed subject is, it will be found either to contain or to suggest materials for which his reader will thank him. The book named above is to be prized on precisely this ground. As a monograph in the department of Biblical criticism, it is of mixed merit and secondary value; as investing the second and third chapters of the Apocalypse with a new and profounder interest, worth, and depth of significance, and this especially to the scholar and thinker on the same intellectual plane with the author, it can hardly be praised to excess.

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24. — *Historical Lectures on the Life of our Lord Jesus Christ, being the Hulsean Lectures for the Year 1859. With Notes, Critical, Historical, and Explanatory.* By C. J. ELLICOTT, B. D., Professor of Divinity, King's College, London; late Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge; Author of Critical and Grammatical Commentaries on St. Paul's Epistles. Boston: Gould and Lincoln. 1862. 12mo. pp. 382.

THESE Lectures are an epitome of the Gospel history prepared with the view of illustrating the distinctive characteristics of the separate narratives, their essential harmony, and their mutual confirmation, and rebutting the cavils of neological and sceptical criticism against the